

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0064

Enhanced Medicaid reimbursement rate-maternal services.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Clouston, Campbell, E and Connolly and Senator(s) Boner, Brennan, Landen, Nethercott and Schuler

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to medical assistance and services;
2 authorizing the department of health to apply for enhanced
3 Medicaid reimbursement for eligible providers of maternal
4 services; providing definitions; providing purposes for
5 enhanced reimbursement rates; requiring reports; providing
6 appropriations; requiring rulemaking; and providing for
7 effective dates.

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9 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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11 **Section 1.**

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13 (a) The department of health shall apply to the
14 centers for Medicare and Medicaid services of the United
15 States department of health and human services for

1 authorization to reimburse eligible providers at an
2 enhanced rate for maternal services provided to eligible
3 Medicaid clients in rural and frontier areas. As used in
4 this section:

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6 (i) "Eligible provider" means a health care
7 provider who is actively enrolled in Medicaid, has relevant
8 privileges at a labor and delivery facility and is licensed
9 as one (1) or more of the following:

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11 (A) An obstetrician gynecologist;

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13 (B) A family physician who provides
14 obstetrical services;

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16 (C) A midwife;

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18 (D) A general surgeon who provides cesarean
19 section backup;

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21 (E) Any other health care provider as
22 determined by rule of the department of health.

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1 (ii) "Rural and frontier areas" shall be
2 determined by the department of health.

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4 (b) The purposes of the enhanced reimbursement rate
5 authorized by this section are to:

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7 (i) Increase access to prenatal, intrapartum and
8 postpartum care;

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10 (ii) Reduce maternal and neonatal morbidity and
11 mortality;

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13 (iii) Preserve obstetric provider capacity in
14 rural Wyoming.

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16 (c) The department of health shall report to the
17 joint appropriations committee and the joint labor, health
18 and social services interim committee on or before October
19 31, 2027 regarding the additional costs incurred by the
20 increased reimbursements required by this act. The report
21 required by this section shall include any recommendations
22 for modifications to the increased reimbursement for

1 eligible providers under the Wyoming Medical Assistance and
2 Services Act.

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4 **Section 2.** There is appropriated one million dollars
5 (\$1,000,000.00) from the general fund and one million
6 dollars (\$1,000,000.00) from federal funds to the
7 department of health for the purpose of enhancing Medicaid
8 reimbursement for eligible providers as provided by section
9 1 of this act. These appropriations shall be for the period
10 beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2028. These
11 appropriations shall not be transferred or expended for any
12 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds
13 remaining from these appropriations shall revert as
14 provided by law on June 30, 2028. It is the intent of the
15 legislature that these appropriations be included in the
16 standard budget for the department of health for the
17 immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

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19 **Section 3.** The department of health shall promulgate
20 all rules necessary to implement this act.

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1 **Section 4.**

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3 (a) Except as provided by subsection (b) of this
4 section, this act is effective when the state plan
5 amendment authorized by this act is approved by the centers
6 for Medicare and Medicaid services.

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8 (b) Section 1(a) and section 4 of this act are
9 effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary
10 for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section
11 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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